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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))</i> | Attorney Docket No. | 3995-015 |
| | First Inventor or Application Identifier | Walter Lee Bowen |
| | Title | REMOVABLE AND RETRACTABLE PATHWAY VISUAL BARRIER |
| | Express Mail Label No. | EV051923830US |

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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS <i>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</i> | ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231 |
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| Application Number | TBA |
| Filing Date | TBA |
| First Named Inventor | Walter Lee Bowen |
| Examiner Name | TBA |
| Group Art Unit | TBA |
| Attorney Docket No. | 3995-015 |

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| 101 | 690 | 201 | 345 | Utility filing fee | 375.00 |
| 106 | 310 | 206 | 155 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 480 | 207 | 240 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 760 | 208 | 380 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 | 75 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | (\$375.00 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Total Claims | 11 | -20** = 0 X 9.00 = 0 | |
| Independent Claims | 2 | -3** = 0 X 42.00 = 0 | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | X = | |

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| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 78 | 202 | 39 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 260 | 204 | 130 | Multiple dependent claim |
| 109 | 78 | 209 | 39 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examination action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 380 | 216 | 190 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 870 | 217 | 435 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,360 | 218 | 680 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,850 | 228 | 925 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 300 | 219 | 150 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 300 | 220 | 150 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 260 | 221 | 130 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,210 | 241 | 605 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,210 | 242 | 605 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 430 | 243 | 215 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 580 | 244 | 290 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 240 | 126 | 240 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt. | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40.00 |
| 146 | 760 | 246 | 380 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 760 | 249 | 380 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
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SUBMITTED BYTyped or Printed Name **J hn R. Owen**

Signature

Date **August 29, 2003****Complete (if applicable)**Reg. Number **42,055**Deposit Account User ID **18-1167**

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First Named Inventor Walter Lee Bowen

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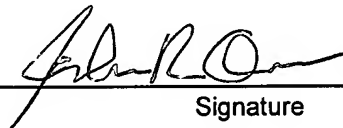
Attorney Docket Number 3995-015

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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Date



Signature

(919) 854-1844

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John R. Owen

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